

HOUSE RESOLUTION 406

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Linda Johnson on her receipt of the 2010 John J. Duncan, Sr., Award for Senior Advocacy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Linda Johnson of the Alzheimer's Association is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson was recently honored by the Senior Citizens Information and Referral Service (I&R) with the John J. Duncan, Sr., Award for Senior Advocacy at its ninth annual reception, held May 3, 2010, at the O'Connor Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, maintaining an extensive database of services, I&R is the primary point of reference for senior adults in Knox County who need information about the availability of services for seniors; its board organizes the Duncan Award event and chooses the recipient from among the nominees; and

WHEREAS, with more than twenty years of experience in the area of adult services, Linda Johnson has led significant progress in increasing the visibility and recognition of adult day services as a viable, community-based, long-term-care option, as well as improving access to these services in Knoxville and Knox County; and

WHEREAS, a notable advocate for increasing awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, especially in the African-American community, Ms. Johnson has played a major role in the development and implementation of the Howard Circle of Friends adult day

program at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, the first facility of its kind targeting inner-city residents; and

WHEREAS, possessing outstanding leadership skills and collaborative spirit, Ms. Johnson has served on the Emerald Youth Foundation Advisory Board, the Elder Abuse Coalition Committee, the Affordable Medicine Options for Seniors (AMOS) Committee, the RSVP Retired Senior Volunteer Program Advisory Council, and the Senior Companions Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, she is currently the Assistant Director of Programs at the East Tennessee chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; she will celebrate thirteen years of employment there on August 1 of this year; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional of the utmost integrity, Ms. Johnson has demonstrated a tireless commitment to seniors throughout her life and career; she is widely recognized for her years of service to her community; and

WHEREAS, she has worked assiduously to advance her community and has been unwavering in her commitment to helping seniors live gracefully and with dignity; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee fame as the "Volunteer State," Linda Johnson should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Linda Johnson, a woman of great integrity, ability, and compassion, on her meritorious service to the citizens of this State, congratulate her upon being honored with the 2010 John J. Duncan, Sr., Award for Senior Advocacy, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.